## TELEGRAMS.

#### REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE VENEZUELA HUBBUB, LONGON, December 23rd.

The New York market has recovered, closing

The feeling in America is decidedly calmer and more friendly to Great Britain, as notably exemplified by the New York Tribune which has entirely changed its note and urges peace. Pulpit utterances throughout America depricate

CLEVELAND AT A DISCOUNT.

LONDON, December 24th. President Cleveland's political and financial discredit is increasing. The markets are improving, but continue sensitive.

OF COURSE! It is believed in Washington that a peaceful and honourable settlement of the Venezuelan difficulty will eventually be arranged.

> (From the Rangoon Times.) OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 8th. The death is announced of George Augustus Sals, the celebrated journalist.

BOMBAY, December oth. A telegram received here from Aden announces

the death of Major Sandbach, R.A., from the effects of injuries inflicted by a lioness in Somali-

A SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

BOMBAY, December oth. A Surati servant in the employ of Professor Bala of the Deccan College on Saturday night got possession of a revolver belonging to his master and shot his mistress four times, also wounding a girl. He escaped and threw himself into a well, where his body was discovered through the revolver and the murderer's clothes being found lying on the edge of the well. The man had first shot himself and then fell luto the well.

> (Special to Singapore Pres Press.) HYDROPHOBIA IN PERAK.

> > MR. C. C. SCOTT BITTEN.

TAIPING, PERAR, December 16th. Mr. C. C. Scott, the Inspector of Mines at Tapab, was blitten on Saturday last by a rabid dog, and goes to the Pasteur Institute at Ssigon at the Government expense. All dogs in that district have been ordered to be destroyed.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE: English (Peshawur) to-moirow.

Australian (Manmuir) to-morrow. American (City of Rio de Janeiro) 29th Inst. Indian (Wingsang) 31st inst. Australian (Chingiu) 1st prox. Tacoma (Tacoma) 4th prox. American (Gaelle) 6th prox.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, with mails, etc., left Nagasaki for this port at 7 p.m. yesterday.

THE China Navigation Co.'s steamer Chington left Port Darwin for this port on the 23rd Inst., and may be expected here on or about the

THE Indo-China Co.'s steamship Wingsong, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. on the 24th inst.

THE steamship Glenariney, f m Aniwe:p London and Straits, left Singapore for this poil on the afternoon of the 24th inst

The Douglas Company's steamer Hallon will leave for Swatow, Amoy and Forchow at daylight to-morrow.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Coptic will leave for San Francisco, via Nagassi: Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, at noon to-morrow.

# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Jubilier, a first-class battleship of the Majestic type, was successfully launched at Clydebank, on the 16th ultimo. Her displacement is 14,000 tens,

In connection with the Football Challenge Cup competition "D" Company, R.B., will play Kowloon to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. Referee, Mr. P. G. Davies, R.A.

THE death at Bangkok of Mr. Richard Götte for some years past the manager of the Siam Mercantile Press, in connection with which he started the Stam Mercantile Gazette, now the Stam Free Press, is announced in Bangkok exchanges received here yesterday.

LAST night a sailor named James Lowien, aged 45, who has lately been residing in the Sallors' Home, fall off Gibb's Wharf. A friend at once jumped into a sampan and tried to get him out, but failed to do so before life was exilact. The Water Police were soon on the spot, and efforts were made to resucitate him, but without avail. The body was taken to the Mortuary, and an inquiry will be held to morrow.

On Tuesday evening, at 6.30, fire broke out in a godown at Nos. 347 and 349, Queen's Road West, caused by the carelessness of the coolies who were carrying in cargo by candle-light. The Fire Brigade was quickly on the spot, and as the fresh water was turned on at the time the blaze was easily subdued. The contents of the godown were fully covered by a policy for \$5,000 in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Mesers, Jardine, Matheson & Co., egents,

DR. W. G. GRACE, the distinguished cricketer, has invested the £5,000 recently presented to him by the people of England in an insurance endowment policy payable in fifteen years.

ABOUT 9 o'clock list night a fire-occurred in a carpenter's shop, Yau-ma-ti, and created a tremendous blaze, though very little damage was done. The police and neighbours put it out.

THE annual tea and meeting at St. Peter's Seamen's Church-will be held to-morrow. Tea will be served at 6.30 p.m., in the Sallors' Home Commodore Boyes, R.N., will take the chair at

Six griffins arrived last Tuesday morning from Shanghai, and these were drawn at noon at Mr. Kennedy's stables by Mr. Mody, Mr. McKie, Lord Conyngham, Mr. Mody, Mr. Harton and Mr. Lewis.

THE Paris Gaulois is responsible for the assertion that a movement is on foot to obtain the signatures of Zola, Daude', Coppes and other distinguished writers to an international petition to release Oscar Wilde.

THE Straits Times of the 17th reports that at Sourabaya the Captain China has been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the making of counterfeit Java Bank notes. He is one of the sichest Chinamen in Java.

THE dinner of the Strafts Settlements Association took place at the Grand Hotel, London on 20th ultimo. Mr. William Adamson presided, and the chief guest was Sir Cecil Smith, the late Governor of the Straits Settlements.

THE Rangoon Gazette publishes a telegram, dated London, 6th December, which throws additional right on the Venezuelan hubbub, as follows:-Lord Salisbury's despatch regarding the Venezuelan dispute has been received at Washington. In it his Lordship maintains the Schoniburgh boundary as the minimum territory of Beltish Guiana.

TO-NIGHT.

Dandy Dick, at Theatre Royal, at 9 o'clock. TO-MORROW.

At noon, meeting of shareholders in the Dairy farm Company.

SATURDAY. At II s.m. Punjom Mining Co.'s meeting. At noon, A. S. Watson & Co., and the Balmoral Company meetings:

o p.m. A. D. C. performance at Theatre Royal.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL

# THE "EDGAR" CALAMITY.

The relatives of those men who lost their lives by the foundering of the Rdeap's pinnace will if they be widows, receive from the Admiralty a pension, and if other dependent relatives, one year's pay. To all these persons, also, to whom any one of the deceased scamen has been regularly allotting a portion of his pay, the Admiralty intend to continue the payment of the allotment for a couple of months. It is not likely, therefore, that many of the poor people will for that time be werse off pecuniarily than they were before. Moreover, the Committee of the Royal Navy Fund—the outcome of the Naval Exhibition-on learning of the disaster, at once requested Mrs. Bosanquet, the Secretary of the Ladles' Committee at Devenport, through whom the fund works, to ascertain if there were any cases of immediate want owing to the occurrence, and, if there should be, donations will be made without any delay to tide them over the present necessity.

LORD R. CHURCHILL'S SON IN CUBA. The Army and Navy Gazette states that the young English cavalry officer who has arrived at Havana to seek permission to serve at the head-

quarters of Marshal Martinez Campos, during the campaign in Cubs, is second Lieutenant Winston L. Churchill, of the 4th Queen's. Own Hussars, eldest son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill Lieutenant Churchill was born in 1874, and joined his regiment in February of this year.

GETMAN BANKS...

The Deutsche Bank at Berlin has resolved to increase its capital by m. 25,000,000 .. to m. 100,000,000. The new shares at m. 1,200 will be issued at 150 per cent., and they are to bear interest from July 7th next. At the meeting of sharsholders held 'he other day at Berlin, the managing director, Mr. Siemens, proposed that the payments on the new shares should not be called up too rapidly, so as to avoid contraction in the money market. In speaking on the management of the bank. Mr. Siemens said that the directors always had acted on the principle of keeping one-third of the assets liquid in order to save the liabilities, and that principle was applied to the increase of capital in the years 1880 and 1887. The present issue of capital is proposed because the liquid assets do not come up to one-third of the liabilities, and because trade is approaching a period of recovery and expansion. The steady growth in the extent of the bank's business has made it advisable to

postpone the increase of capital no longer. THE PAMAMA CAMAL SCANDALS. An important arrest was made on 16th house. Arten had lived here for the past eight | trendles - Globe.

months. Soon after he came to this country suspicions were directed towards him by the fact of his changing large sums of French money into English. At this time the Panama revelations had just come to light, and a communication was sent to the French police, but it was not until three months afterwards that an extradition wassant for the arrest was forwarded to this country. By this time Arton had disappeared and it was believed that he was in hiding in the neighbourhood of Hernebill. Recently, however, suspicions were again aroused, and he was arrested. The appearance of the prisoner has very considerably changed since he first came to England. Instead of the long beard he then were he now affects "mutton chop" whiskers, and he is not nearly so corpulant. The arrest of Emile Aston has caused a great sensation in

MAVAL NEWS. The cruiser Gration sailed on 17th November from Gibraltar for China.

The relief crew for the French cruises Bayard were to proceed for Salgon by the steamers leaving Marseilles on December 8th and 22nd.

The Immortality, first-class cruiser, was commissioned at Chathem on 19th November, by Captain E. Chichester, with a complement of tos officers and men. Since the Immortalities was paid off from the Channel Squadron her ten 6-in. breech-loading guns have been replaced by quick-firing guns of the same callbre, and the necessary alterations have been carried out in her magazines. At Portsmouth the first-class ciule e Narcissus was also-commissioned by Captain W. B. Lang, with a complement of 497 office and men, for service on the China station. She will sall about the end of November. While the Narchisus has been in the reserve at Portsmouth she has had her ten 6-in. breech-loaders converted into quick-firers. and her shell-rooms and magazines have been lter: I to sult the new arrangement. The Immortality and the Narcissus are immensely supplier in speed and armament to the cruisors Mercury and Carottee, which they wil

MISCELLANKOUS.

LONDON, November 22nd. Mark Twain is to receive £2,000 for a course

of ten lectures in London. The Gazette of the 15t instant contains official notification of the appointment of Sir Nicholas

Rode.lck O'Conor, K.C.B., C.M.G., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentlary to his Majesty the Emperor of Russia. The Secretary of the London Missionary Society received for the Centenary Fund a sum

of £400 from a member of the Church of England who wishes to remain anonymous: The Centenary Fund has now reached nearly The Court of Appeal gave an important judg-

ment on 10th inst. on the subject of forged tion. On November 1st Capt. Millichap sighted endors ments to cheques. The appellant had the second mate's boat, but they again separated signed a number of cheques and passed them to his clerk for transmission. The clerk filled in fictitious names and forged endorsements to the ship Vimetra was signalled, and at 10 correcand, and thus negotiated the chaques. p'clock those in the gig were taken on He was convicted and sentenced, and his board. At the same time the second mate's employer sought to recover the amount from the boat was sighted from sloft and in It was contended on behalf of this firm, who were the respondents in the appeal, that, the payees named in the cheques being fictitious. the cheques as endorsed became payable to bearer; and the Court, pointing out the essential difference between such a case as the present and the care where a banker honours the forged signature of a drawer, dismissed the appeal.

THE CHINESE NAVY.

Captain Maclure, who arrives in this country shor ly, has (say a correspondent of the Liverpool Post) been commissioned by the Chinese Government to give extensive shipbuilding orders. The Government in Peking has determined to create a strong navy, and is prepared to spend a large sum in providing itself with a new firet Mr. Maclure is authorised, it is understeed, to place orders in this country for ironelads, armed cruisers and torpedo-boats. It will take years, of course, to provide a navy such as the Chinese Government desires, and if that work be secured for this country it will give employment to yards on the Clyde, the Mersey and the Type for a long time to come. There is, however, a great risk that, in consequence of the struggle now raging on the Clyde and at Beliast, a part, if not the whole, of the work may go past this country altogether.

CONQUEST BY CONSULATE.

Our Foreign Office will not be unobservant, it may to safely assumed, of M. Hanotaux's methods of gaining influence for France in China. That able Minister did not intend, it was clear, to allow the treaty rights he lately obtained from Pekin to lie idle. He asked the Budget Committee of the Chamber for a lrige augmentation of the diplomatic vote, to enable him to establish additional consulates in Southern China. During the last twelve months, the Qual d'Orsay has proceeded on much the same lines in Slam, where the business of manufacturing "French subjects" out of native materials goes on merrily. Indeed so satisfactory is the progress already accomplished that the Estafette gravely proposed i day or two back to take a plebiscite in Slam as to whether France or England should take over the country. The new consulates in Southern China will, no doubt, play into the hands of these older ones, and vice versa, greatly to the advantage of French influence and commerce, Happ'ly, "conquest by consulate" is a game at which England has shown no little skill in times past, and it would not surprise us were Lord Salisbury to over-trump M. Hanotaux's cards, November, when Emile Arton, alias Beron, good though they be. The struggle between allas Newman, was taken into custody at the two Powers has assumed quite a different-Clapham Junction. The prisoner was tried in character from what it had when the Scott-Paris in his absence for complicity in the Pavie Commission was appointed. At that Panama frauds, and sentenced to a long term of | time, territorial grabbing was the central issue, imprisonment. He was formally charged for but the appearance of British detachments on extradition before Mr. Lushington with fraudul- the Upper Mekong gave M. Hanotaux warning ent bankruptcy and other offences in connection that France must curb her covetousness. with the Panama business. According to the Sagaciously recognising the logic of circumaccounts given of the circumstances of his capture, stances, the Qual d'Orasy now concentrates its it would appear that the alleged tempter of energies on a strenuous endeavour to divert the Cornellus Hers and of the late Baron de Reinach, trade of Yunnan and Southern China from its the man whose revelations were once looked | ancient outlets and bring down the whole volume for in France with a curiosity mingled with to Tonkin. Hence these new consulates, which, dread, has been living the life of a commer- so to say, will constitute both dams and flood cial gentleman. At the time of his arrest gates, Fortunately England has an excellent he was carrying on a business at Clapham position at Zimme, where an able vice-consul Junction, under the designation of the Photo | already looks after her political and commercial Tes Company, and occupied three furnished interests. But this advanced coign of vantage | December 25, Michael Johnes, German etc., for rooms at Grandison-road. Clapham Common, requires to be so strengthened by supplementary His daughters lived with him, and his son or I consulates as to most the French diplomatic son-in-law occupied scome in the adjoining campaign at every point right up to the Chinese

THE BURNING OF THE "AVOCA"

Singapore, December 16th. This morning the Captain and crew of the Avoca, which was recentlyburnt at sea, arrived at Singapore from Batavia by the General Pel. From Captain Millichap, who was in command of the ill-fated vessel, our representative obtained the following details of the catas- December 25, Moyune, British steamer, for trophe:--

The Avoca left Calcutta with a cargo of jute.

for Boulogne, on October 5th. All went well until

the 27th when, in lat. 3 S. and long, 90 E., the first indications of fire were observed, smoke issuing from one of the air shafts. Steps were at once taken to subdue what did not threaten December 25, Kwangles, Chinese steamer, for to be a very serious outbreak, and after about an hour's week it seemed as through the efforts | December 25, Taksang, British str., for Canton. of the crew had been rewarded with success. On December 25, Swatow, German steamer, for taking off the main hatch, however, dense yolumes of smoke at once enveloped the ship, and though the cargo in the hatchway appeared to be safe, the seat of the confiagration was indicated in the fore end. Hose was got out, and patent extinguishers, and while these attempts to stay the fire were made the cargo in the main hold was jettleoned as rapidly as possible. This work was very difficult and dangerous owing to the dense smoke, which almost blinded the crew. Again and again the men were driven from their labours, and when later in the day flames were seen issuing from the lower hold, there was little hope of effectually preventing the spread of the fire. Nevertheless, all on board stuck maniply to their work, and strove night and day to try save the ship. Recognising that but a small chance remained of conquering the fire, the Captain headed the ship, under all sail, the castward, steering for the west coast Sumatra which was the nearest land. The three boats were provisioned for forty or fifty days. one being lowered and towed astern on the first alarm, and the other two held in readings with the davits awang outboard. Fortunately,

assistance from the light airs prevailing. On the 28th, after incessant exertions, all the boats were lowered and the Captain's wife and most of the crew left the able. as, at that time, the forepart of the vessel was in fi mes. The Captain and mate remained on board as long as their endurance could stand it, and then abandoned their blazing craft. During the night of the 28th the ship presented a weird and splendld spectacle, the lurid fismes enveloping her masts and rising to a height of thirty or forty feet. The 28th, when the boats finally left the scene of the calamity, it was squally and wet, but afterwards the calmest of weather prevailed and really the only abnormal discomfort suffered was the intense

the weather was very fine, and the flames got little

heat. The three boats parted company during the first night, the intention being to make for Padang, distant 800 miles in an E. N. E. directhe following day.

At 6.15 on the morning of the 4th November, hours another nine of the total complement of this spot to reach Batavia. The Captain and and servant, Keal Cheong and servant all the men speak in high terms of the kind and 30 Chinese. For Singapore-Mr. and soffer from the prolonged exposure to the sun in the open boat. The chief mate's boat. after thirteen days' voyage, safely reached Padang on the oth November.

The Avoca was full a rigged ship of 1625 tons register, owned by James Nourse of London. She has hitherto been employed as an emigrant ship between the East and West Indies, and on her last voyage had 640 souls on board. Happily on this occasion the carried no passengers.—Straits Times.

## Shipping.

MARIE JEBSEN, German Weamer, 1,807, T. C. Matthiessen, 24th December, -Salgon 10th Dec., Rico.—Jebsen & Co.

BENGLOF, British steamer, 1,933, A. M. S. Thomson, 25th Dec.,-Amoy 24th Dec., General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co. NATAL French steamer, 2,455, Verron, 25th Dec .- Marselles 22nd Nov., Singapore

18th Dec., and Salgon 22nd, Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes. SHENGKIVG, British steamer, 1,034, A. Vardin, 25th Dec. - Shanghai 22nd Dec., General .-Butterfield & Swire.

HAITAW, British steamer, 1,186, J. S. Roach, 25th December,-Foothow 22nd Dec., Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 24th, General,-D. Lapraik & Co.

FREJR, Danish steamer, 397, C. L. Strand, 25th Dec .- Pakhol 21st Dec, and Holhow 23rd, General.—A. R. Marty. WING-HONG, British steamer, 217, C. M. B. Maddox, 25th Dec. Swalow 24th Dec.

General.-Chi Woo. NANYANG. German steamer. 082. F. Schule. atth Dec. -- Wubu, and Chinking 21st Dec., General,—Siemssen & Co. ADOWA, British steamer, 1,347, D. Owens, 25th

Dec.,-Canton 25th Dec., General.-Siems- | cloudy weather. sen & Co. MASCOTTE, British steamer, 2,018, Ross, 26th December,—Moji 19th Dec., General.— Bradley & Co. CASSIUS, German steamer, 1,504, M. Unruth.

26th Dec.,--Molt 20th Dec., Coal.-Lauts, Wegener & Co. CATHERINE APCAR, British steamer, 1,733, J.G. Olifent, 26th Dec .- Calcutte 7th Dec. Penang 14th, and Singapore 17th, Oplum and General,-D. Sassoon Sons & Co. PAOTINO, British steamer, 1,088, T. Gyles, 26th

Dec. -- Canton 26 h Dec., General -- Butter-

GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,737, T. Bendixen, 26th Dec .- Shanghai 20th Dec... General.—Jebsen & Co. Fu-Pind, Chinese steamer, 1,058. Th. Lehmann, 26th Dec .- Canton 24th Dec., General -

Carlowitz & Co HANOI, French steamer, 732, Chodzko, 26th Dec,-Haiphong 24th December, General. -A. R. Marty.

DEPARTURES.

field & Swire.

December 25, Halloong, Brillsh str., for Swatow, Amoy and Tameul Touron and Orinhon. December 25, Talytch, German sir., for Salgon, December 25, Saghallen. Vrench stoamer, for Salgen and Maryellies.

December 25: Loo Sok. British steamer, for Swatow and Bangkok.

December 25, Talsang, British str., for Canton, December 25, Empress'of Johan, Brilish str., for Shanghal, Yokohama and San Francisco, December 25, Thales. British str., for Swatow. December 25, Triumph, German steamer, for

Holhow, etc. Singapore.

December 25, Repton, British str., for Bangkok. December 25, Lennox, British steamer, for Kobe and Yokobams.

December 25, Sabine Rickmers, German str., for Salgon.

Canton.

for Banokok. December 26, Adowa, British str., for Salgon.

December 25. Oscarskal, Norwegian steamer,

PARSENGERS—ARRIVED. Per Natal, from Marsellles for Hongkong-Mrs. Leridan, Lieut, Ray, Messrs, R. Chosseler, Delineau, Chin Huan Key, Chin Juin, Chin Jun Show, and Joré das N. y Souza. From Singapore-Mr. and Mrs. Cham Toe Lam and servant Mrs. Green, Mrs. May West, Mesers, Lagardo and servant, Theler, Ogdansky, Lin Chuan Joo, Low Ghee Tlang, Loo Choo and servant, and 2 Chinese, From Salgon-Mr. Egeyer and servant, and 284 Chinese. From Marsellles for Shanghal-Mr. Meillet. From Port Said-Mr. Ruben C. Sassoum. From Sucz-Mr. B. van Villagas, From Singapore—Mrs. Omospay, Mrs. Otooky, and Mrs. Ohkesan. From Salgon-Mr. Jakcouty. From Marseilles for Yokobama -Mr. and Mrs. Slumine, Captain Jacques and servant, Messre. Karizow and Clayton. From Singapore-Sisters Domitine and L. Bernardin. From Salgon-Dr. Mecre and servant, and Mr. Graindorge,

Per Catherine Apcar, from Calcutta, etc .--Mrs. Leong She and child, Mrs. Yew Shee and child, Messrs. D. E. Daniells, Kelly, Pong Chee, A. J. Solomon, 3 Chinese ladies, and 635

Per Shangking, from Shanghal-Mr. Maundell, and 8 Chinese.

Per Marta Jebsen, from Salgon-100 Chinese. Per Haltan, from Foochow, etc.-Mrs. Roach, Mrs. May, Messrs. Fairhurst, Moss, and 132 Chinese,

Per Frejr, from Pakhol, etc.-54 Chinese, Per Wing-hong, from Swatow-Mr. Thomas.

Per Empress of Japan, for Shanghai from Hongkong-Surgeon-Major James, Messrs. A. K. Holman, Eldridge and L. Orielle. For Kobe Miss Tel Zukuki, Dr. von Forrestor, and Mr. von Forrester, For Yokohama—Mr. G. Galy. For Portland-Mrs. Chin Back Joy, and Miss Chin Chew Far. For Astoria-Mrs. Tal Ho, Miss Along, Miss Achung, and Mr. Chen Joo. For London-Captain Stewart. For San Francisco from Yokohama-Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Morrison

Per Saghallen, from Hongkong for Salgontwenty-seven were rescued. Owing to adverse Rev. J. B. Clair, Messrs. J. Cauvin, F. winds, the Vimetra took thirty-seven days from Woelz, Chu and servant, Kian Hong treatment they received on board. Mrs. Arnold and a children. Mr. and Mrs. Millichap, we are glad to say, did not seriously R. R. Abbey, Mrs. Elsa Jovesko, Messrs. G. A. C. Ward, E. Roenard, and 7 Chinese, For Batavia-Messrs. M. Hans Child, Francisco Newton, and 5 Chinese. For Marseilles-Mr. and Mrs. Lyaudet and child, Colonel St. Paul, Commander R. Kondreff, Messre. Leon Mitchell, G. de Champeaux. A. Stuart, N. Sorensen, and E. J. Moss. From Shanghai for Salgon-Admiral de Beaumont, Messrs. Bonnifay and Cordera. For Marseilles-Mr. and Mrs. O. Moreisky. Mr. and Mrs. von Brockdorff and 2 children, Messrs, Landauer, Le Genel, Aubry Victor, Le Madel, Couson, Brobecker, R. Maudet, Howard and Breton Eugine. From Yokohama for Singapore-Messrs, Tanzawa and C. Ferrari, For Marseilles-Mr. and Mrs. King, son, and see vant. From Kobe for Marsellles-Messrs. F Martin, Messrs. Sabachnikoff. Fougerand, and Levat. From Nagasaki for Singapore-Mrs. Hirano, Messrs. C. Rieger, Shapoulis and Craval. For Marseilles-Mr. Vitte, and 74 sailors.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Shangking left Shanghai on the 22nd instant, and had moderate north-east gale and high following sea in the Formosa Channel.

The British steamship Mascotte left Moji on the 10th instant, and had moderate and fresh north-east to east-north-east monsoon with slight rain showers.

The British steamship Catherine Apear left Calcutta on the 7th instant, Penang on the 14th and Singapore on the 17th. After leaving Singapore experienced strong north-east winds and heavy sea, with occasional rain squalls throughout

The British steamship Haitan left Foothow on the 22nd instant, Amoy on the 23rd, and Swatow on the 24th. From Foothow to Swatow had strong north-east monsoon and high sea. From Swatow had moderate monsoon and

# Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE-For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohams.-Per Natal to-day, the 26th Instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.--Per Hallan to-morrow, the 27th inst., at 11.30 A.M. For Nagasaki, Yokohama and San Francisco. -Per Copile to-morrow, the 27th instant, at the 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghal, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma.—Per Hankow to-morrow 27th Instant, at 5 P.M.

For Shanghal and Cheloo. -- Per Fu-bing on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M. For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,

Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.-Per Ocambo on Tuesday, the 31st instant, at 3.30 P.M. For Europe, etc., India, via Tuticoria-Per

Rosetta on Thursday, the 2nd January, at

II A.M.

For Nagusaki, Kobe, and Yokohama,-Per Verena on Friday, the 3rd Jan., at 11.30 A.M. For Singapore, -- Per Glenfare on Firday, the | DUNCAN at No. 6, Peddar's Fill. 17th January, at 3.30 Pic.

#### a'and-or Advertisements.

HE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTE ORDINARY YEARLY -MEETING "of "SHARPHOLDFRS in the above COMPANY will be held at TRLEGRAPH House, Queen's Road Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at Noov, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th November

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th Instant to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. HUTTON POTTS

Secretary. Hongkong, 26th December, 1805.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN," Captain Reach, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1895.

CHINA NAVIGATION'COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI AND CHEFOO. THE Steamship

"TAMSUL" C. Captain Pierce, will be despatched on SATUR-DAY, the 28th instant.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 26th December, 1805.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

For Freight or Passage, aprily to

For Freight or Passage, apply to

FOR SHANGHAL THE Steamship

"KAIFONG." Captain Dewar, will be despatched on SATUR-DAY, the 28th lestant.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1805.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO. THE Company's Steamship

"THALES. Captain H. Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight,

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th December, 1895.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA HE Steamship "CATHERINE APCAR."

Captain J. G. Ollfent, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Hongkong, 26th December, 1895.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "CATHERINE APCAR"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 27th instant, will be landed at

Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Wanchal Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited, Wanchal. Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE

DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

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